

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

September 21, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

Last weekend, I released information about the parks portion of the 2008 county budget. Both of the community centers will remain open under our plan. In addition, we provide support for a new aquatics center at Lincoln Park, 3 new splash pads, improved playground equipment, trail repairs and maintenance of parkways.

In addition, I support a bold new approach to staffing proposed by Sue Black and the parks system staff. Our package will abolish 81 positions, but only 50 of them are actually filled. These positions currently provide 87,500.00 labor hours per year.

In place of these full-time, year-round employees, we create 20 positions and provide \$600,000 for seasonal employees. This provides the county with 105,571.43 labor hours per year.

In the end, our proposal actually provides more hours of work in the parks while saving the taxpayers millions of dollars. What could be better: it's a win for the park lovers and taxpayers all at the same time.

Finally, we also include funding for a new group of seasonal employees that will be organized as a Parks Patrol throughout the peak season to assist the deputies we also staff in the 2008 budget to patrol our parks and lakefront.

Scott



Child Support Center Named After Atty. John P. Hayes



County Executive Walker hosted a dedication ceremony naming the Department of Child Support Enforcement (CSE) after the late Attorney John P. Hayes. Members of the Hayes family attended to see the unveiling of the plaque formally renaming the CSE offices the John P. Hayes Center.

Hayes was the Director of CSE from March 1994 to November 2006. He was recognized for his strong leadership and advocacy for the less fortunate in the community. A proud and distinguished graduate of the Marquette College of Business and the Marquette University Law School, Hayes also served in the US Army, coached youth sports, and was involved with numerous charitable organizations.

KING & KOSCIUSZKO CENTERS REMAIN OPEN

County Executive Walker was joined by Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones at the King Community Center to announce that the King and Kosciuszko Community Centers remain funded in his 2008 proposed budget. He released highlights for his 2008 parks budget which adds funding to keep the King and Kosciuszko Community Centers open, constructs three new splash pads and a Family Aquatic Center at Lincoln Park, along with improvements at playgrounds, golf courses, parkways, park drives and parkway bridges. He is also proposing the creation of two seasonal park patrol units to monitor activities and ensure patron safety, and \$1.1 million in more efficient equipment for park maintenance.

EMS RECEIVES BOOST



County Executive Walker proposes replacing outdated defibrillator equipment on paramedic transport units and maintaining payments to municipalities to offset local EMS costs at the West Allis Fire Dept. Walker was joined by Sup. Mark Borkowski, Mayor Jeannette Bell, Fire Chiefs Steve Hook and James Martins, Mayor Tom Taylor, Association President Rick Gale, and numerous paramedics and firefighters at the announcement.

BRADFORD BEACH GRANT



Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration Michael Morgan presented Walker with a commemorative check for \$35,000 from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for Bradford Beach storm water management and a rain garden demo site. Students from Lincoln Center of the Arts and Escuela Fratney participated in a beach cleanup and joined the ceremony as part of a program to learn about water quality and pollution.

Community Events



County Executive Walker, along with members of the Badger Detachment Marine Corps League, saluted the marines of Fox Company USMCR as they departed on their second deployment to Iraq, walked the UMOS Mexican Independence Day parade with Supervisors West and Dimitrijevic (above), addressed the Better Business Bureau Int'l Assembly, the Sheriff's Office 2007 Awards Ceremony, the inauguration event for Linda Timm as Mount Mary College's 10th President, MAC's 125th Anniversary gathering, and attended a charity event for Fisher House, Community Day at the Milwaukee Art Museum, and a groundbreaking for the BreakWater Condominiums.